

Dairy Products



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October 1996 Highlights

Butter production was 94.3 million pounds in October, 1 percent above October 1995 and 17 percent above September 1996.

American type cheese production totaled 265 million pounds, 5 percent above October 1995 and 2 percent above September 1996.

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 606 million pounds, up 2 percent from October 1995 and 4 percent above September 1996.

Creamed cottage cheese production was 31.6 million pounds, 6 percent above October 1995 and 3 percent above September 1996.

Lowfat cottage cheese production was 27.0 million pounds, 8 percent above October 1995 but 5 percent below September 1996.

Frozen desserts: (comparisons with October 1995)

Ice cream (hard) --- 61.7 million gallons, down slightly.

Ice cream (lowfat) --- 25.5 million gallons, down 6 percent.

Ice cream (nonfat) --- 3.12 million gallons, down 11 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 3.68 million gallons, up 10 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 8.49 million gallons, down 28 percent.

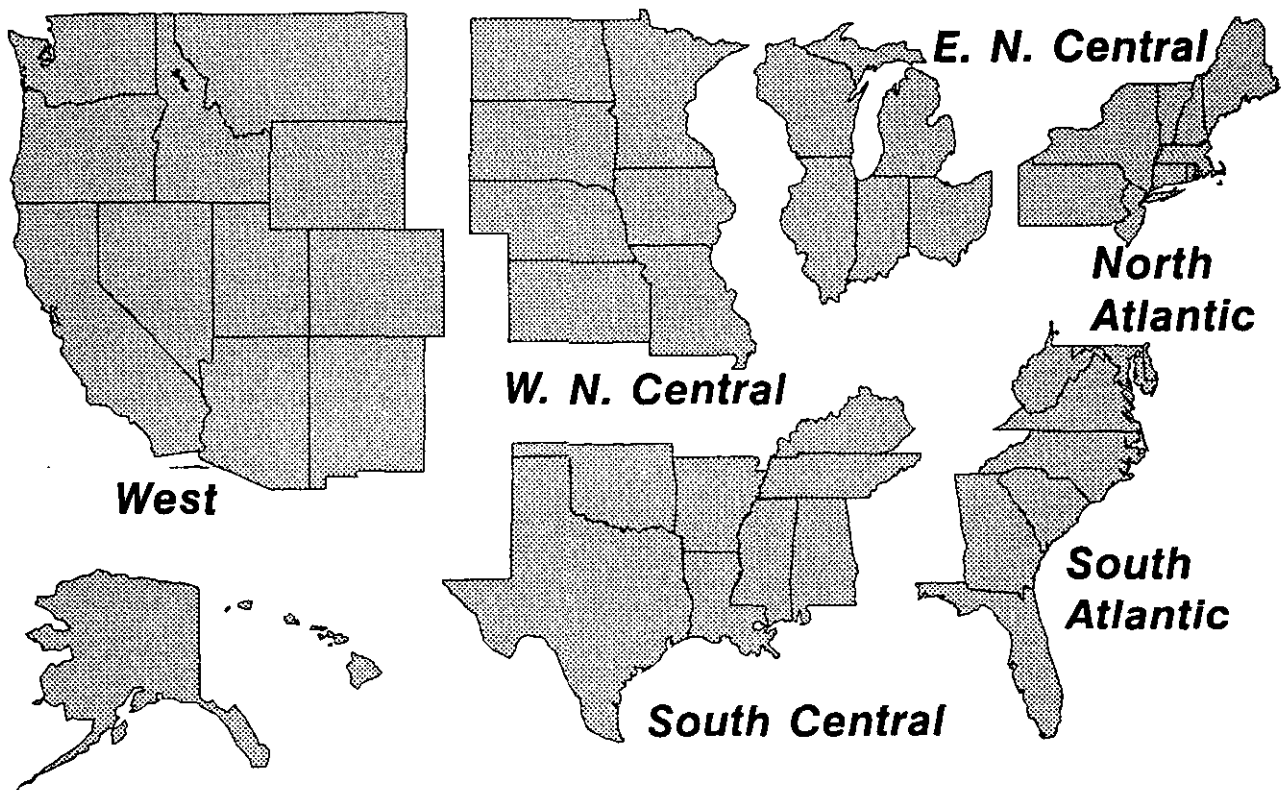
Dry milk products: (comparisons with October 1995)

Nonfat dry milk for human food --- 65.9 million pounds, down 13 percent.

Dry whole milk --- 9.82 million pounds, down 11 percent.

Dry buttermilk --- 3.93 million pounds, up 3 percent.

U. S. Geographic Regions Manufactured Dairy



State totals are not published when fewer than 3 firms have reported or one firm comprises more than 60 percent of the State total. The map above outlines the regions used in the product tables. If we are not able to publish a region for confidentiality reasons, it will be combined with other regions when possible. For example, if North Atlantic can not be published, then it will be combined with South Atlantic to publish Atlantic. The West North Central and East North Central will be combined, if necessary, to form North Central. In the event that neither could be published, they will be combined with South Central to publish Central. Some tables will have only one or two regions shown, therefore the regions may not add to the United States total.

Dairy Products: Production by Product,
United States, October 1995-96

Product	Oct	Sep	Oct	Percent of	
	1995	1996 1/	1996	Oct	Sep
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	93,461	80,951	94,325	101	117
Cheese					
American Types 2/	252,814	260,199	265,199	105	102
Cheddar	190,790	198,261	205,070	107	103
Swiss	19,883	17,518	18,424	93	105
Brick and Muenster	10,519	9,968	9,886	94	99
Cream and Neufchatel	62,557	52,988	61,826	99	117
Blue	3,244	3,510	3,291	101	94
Hispanic		5,292	6,066		115
Mozzarella	183,343	183,523	186,002	101	101
Other Italian Types	45,796	42,354	44,405	97	105
Total Italian Types	229,139	225,877	230,407	101	102
All Other Types 3/	15,881	9,711	10,647	67	110
Total	594,037	585,063	605,746	102	104
Cottage Cheese, Curd 4/	37,343	38,043	38,224	102	100
Cottage Cheese, Creamed 5/	29,758	30,785	31,601	106	103
Cottage Cheese, Lowfat 6/	25,037	28,403	26,957	108	95
Canned Evaporated and					
Condensed Whole Milk	41,315	38,856	42,580	103	110
Dry Whole Milk	11,052	8,607	9,816	89	114
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	75,732	56,216	65,853	87	117
Dry Skim Milk, Animal	380	240	290	76	121
Dry Buttermilk	3,811	3,244	3,932	103	121
Yogurt, Plain & Flavored	112,982	144,971	121,781	108	84
	----- 1,000 Gallons -----			Percent	
Frozen Products					
Ice Cream, Hard	62,023	67,825	61,736	100	91
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Hard	9,238	9,336	8,440	91	90
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Soft	17,923	17,796	17,017	95	96
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Total	27,161	27,132	25,457	94	94
Ice Cream, Nonfat, Hard	3,102	3,163	2,884	93	91
Ice Cream, Nonfat, Soft	397	248	237	60	96
Ice Cream, Nonfat, Total	3,499	3,411	3,121	89	91
Sherbet, Hard	3,331	3,758	3,677	110	98
Water and Juice Ices	3,546	4,859	4,178	118	86
Frozen Yogurt, Total	11,845	9,704	8,486	72	87
Regular & Lowfat, Hard	5,107	4,477	4,027	79	90
Nonfat, Hard	2,083	2,101	1,661	80	79
Other Frozen Dairy					
Products	935	811	1,330	142	164
Mix for Frozen Products					
Ice Cream Mix	33,219	36,857	33,302	100	90
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Mix	15,320	16,778	15,787	103	94
Ice Cream, Nonfat, Mix	1,903	1,830	1,676	88	92
Sherbet Mix	2,583	2,765	2,496	97	90
Yogurt Mix	7,497	6,142	5,371	72	87

1/ Revised.

2/ Whole milk cheese, including Cheddar, Colby, washed curd, stirred curd, Monterey, and Jack.

3/ Does not include Part Skim cheese beginning January 1996 or Hispanic cheese beginning June 1996.

4/ Mostly used for processing into creamed or lowfat cottage cheese.

5/ Fat content 4 percent or more.

6/ Fat content less than 4 percent.

Whey and Modified Whey Products: Production, Stocks,
and Prices, United States, October, 1995-96

Product	Oct	Sep	Oct	Percent of	
	1995	1996 1/	1996	Oct	Sep
				1995	1996
	Production				
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----			Percent	
Condensed Whey, Solids Content 2/					
Sweet-Type, Human	5,544	7,018	6,633	120	95
Sweet-Type, Animal	2,336	3,375	2,842	122	84
Dry Whey Products					
Dry Whey, Human	83,026	79,528	82,567	99	104
Dry Whey, Animal	6,658	6,670	4,718	71	71
Reduced Lactose and Minerals					
Human Food	6,075	5,735	4,584	75	80
Animal Feed	1,968	2,058	2,178	111	106
Lactose, Human and Animal	25,436	31,838	33,109	130	104
Whey					
Solids in Wet Blends, Animal	5,680	5,552	5,813	102	105
Protein Concentrate, Human	15,632	19,180	18,806	120	98
Protein Concentrate, Animal	2,664	2,955	2,641	99	89
	Manufacturers' Stocks End-of-Month 3/				
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----			Percent	
Dry Whey Products					
Dry Whey, Human	26,920	30,607	31,085	115	102
Dry Whey, Animal	3,628	4,705	4,799	132	102
Reduced Lactose and Minerals					
Human and Animal 4/	12,640	4,877	4,031	32	83
Lactose, Human and Animal	21,323	17,481	16,737	78	96
Whey Protein Concentrate, Human	6,561	5,706	7,013	107	123
Whey Protein Concentrate, Animal	397	551	609	153	111
	Manufacturers' Selling Price 5/				
	---- Cents per Pound ---			Cents Change	
Dry Whey, Human	22.7	22.6	22.2	-.5	-.4
Dry Whey, Animal	23.2	20.4	20.1	-3.1	-.3

1/ Revised.

2/ Final marketable product only. Does not include quantity used or shipped to another plant for further processing into dry whey or modified whey products.

3/ Stocks held by manufacturers at all points and in transit.

4/ Reduced lactose and minerals stocks combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

5/ Prices for bulk goods, f.o.b. plant. Average monthly prices reported by firms.

Dairy Products: Production by Product and Month,
United States, 1995-96

Product and Month	By Month			Cumulative		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	-- 1,000 Pounds --		Percent	-- 1,000 Pounds --		Percent
Butter						
Jan	135,639	125,431	92	135,639	125,431	92
Feb	121,719	118,088	97	257,358	243,519	95
Mar	127,338	113,249	89	384,696	356,768	93
Apr	120,641	107,907	89	505,337	464,675	92
May	119,435	100,732	84	624,772	565,407	90
Jun	98,401	72,949	74	723,173	638,356	88
Jul	84,989	72,050	85	808,162	710,406	88
Aug	76,025	73,165	96	884,187	783,571	89
Sep	80,218	80,951	101	964,405	864,522	90
Oct	93,461	94,325	101	1,057,866	958,847	91
Nov	90,451			1,148,317		
Dec	112,419			1,260,736		
American Cheese						
Jan	263,879	275,432	104	263,879	275,432	104
Feb	243,162	270,824	111	507,041	546,256	108
Mar	269,545	286,133	106	776,586	832,389	107
Apr	264,907	277,215	105	1,041,493	1,109,604	107
May	278,284	299,335	108	1,319,777	1,408,939	107
Jun	264,457	281,917	107	1,584,234	1,690,856	107
Jul	262,443	267,653	102	1,846,677	1,958,509	106
Aug	245,069	262,293	107	2,091,746	2,220,802	106
Sep	251,379	260,199	104	2,343,125	2,481,001	106
Oct	252,814	265,199	105	2,595,939	2,746,200	106
Nov	252,752			2,848,691		
Dec	279,877			3,128,568		
Italian Cheese						
Jan	214,778	228,900	107	214,778	228,900	107
Feb	206,112	224,937	109	420,890	453,837	108
Mar	228,619	245,362	107	649,509	699,199	108
Apr	207,334	234,908	113	856,843	934,107	109
May	223,812	235,892	105	1,080,655	1,169,999	108
Jun	220,246	220,832	100	1,300,901	1,390,831	107
Jul	207,511	219,159	106	1,508,412	1,609,990	107
Aug	211,872	225,319	106	1,720,284	1,835,309	107
Sep	221,655	225,877	102	1,941,939	2,061,186	106
Oct	229,139	230,407	101	2,171,078	2,291,593	106
Nov	228,193			2,399,271		
Dec	242,753			2,642,024		

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Dairy Products: Production by Product and Month,
United States, 1995-96 (continued)

Product and Month	By Month			Cumulative		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	-- 1,000 Pounds --		Percent	--- 1,000 Pounds ---		Percent
Total Cheese						
Jan	562,558	588,044	105	562,558	588,044	105
Feb	527,310	587,418	111	1,089,868	1,175,462	108
Mar	601,198	634,668	106	1,691,066	1,810,130	107
Apr	563,598	609,921	108	2,254,664	2,420,051	107
May	599,693	634,173	106	2,854,357	3,054,224	107
Jun	584,684	601,345	103	3,439,041	3,655,569	106
Jul	559,878	571,520	102	3,998,919	4,227,089	106
Aug	556,090	580,247	104	4,555,009	4,807,336	106
Sep	577,685	585,063	101	5,132,694	5,392,399	105
Oct	594,037	605,746	102	5,726,731	5,998,145	105
Nov	589,728			6,316,459		
Dec	623,780			6,940,239		
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human						
Jan	113,913	98,945	87	113,913	98,945	87
Feb	98,292	92,967	95	212,205	191,912	90
Mar	118,726	104,443	88	330,931	296,355	90
Apr	125,028	113,063	90	455,959	409,418	90
May	137,075	112,647	82	593,034	522,065	88
Jun	128,149	93,412	73	721,183	615,477	85
Jul	107,578	80,702	75	828,761	696,179	84
Aug	82,401	61,708	75	911,162	757,887	83
Sep	72,046	56,216	78	983,208	814,103	83
Oct	75,732	65,853	87	1,058,940	879,956	83
Nov	73,099			1,132,039		
Dec	101,799			1,233,838		
Total Dry Whey 1/						
Jan	102,090	89,595	88	102,090	89,595	88
Feb	95,744	93,545	98	197,834	183,140	93
Mar	105,349	97,431	92	303,183	280,571	93
Apr	102,788	97,891	95	405,971	378,462	93
May	110,690	102,104	92	516,661	480,566	93
Jun	104,435	97,977	94	621,096	578,543	93
Jul	101,225	95,982	95	722,321	674,525	93
Aug	92,475	93,529	101	814,796	768,054	94
Sep	86,370	86,198	100	901,166	854,252	95
Oct	89,684	87,285	97	990,850	941,537	95
Nov	89,296			1,080,146		
Dec	93,139			1,173,285		

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Dairy Products: Production by Product and Month,
United States, 1995-96 (continued)

Product and Month	By Month			Cumulative		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	1,000 Pounds		Percent	-- 1,000 Pounds --		Percent
Cream Cottage Cheese						
Jan	31,225	29,830	96	31,225	29,830	96
Feb	30,166	29,511	98	61,391	59,341	97
Mar	36,949	30,834	83	98,340	90,175	92
Apr	30,683	30,162	98	129,023	120,337	93
May	33,601	32,187	96	162,624	152,524	94
Jun	34,242	30,047	88	196,866	182,571	93
Jul	31,309	32,450	104	228,175	215,021	94
Aug	34,602	32,387	94	262,777	247,408	94
Sep	30,714	30,785	100	293,491	278,193	95
Oct	29,758	31,601	106	323,249	309,794	96
Nov	29,633			352,882		
Dec	27,480			380,362		
Lowfat Cottage Cheese						
Jan	26,576	25,174	95	26,576	25,174	95
Feb	26,469	26,281	99	53,045	51,455	97
Mar	29,543	27,837	94	82,588	79,292	96
Apr	26,147	28,522	109	108,735	107,814	99
May	29,294	28,726	98	138,029	136,540	99
Jun	29,897	27,500	92	167,926	164,040	98
Jul	27,002	30,219	112	194,928	194,259	100
Aug	28,409	29,291	103	223,337	223,550	100
Sep	25,504	28,403	111	248,841	251,953	101
Oct	25,037	26,957	108	273,878	278,910	102
Nov	23,518			297,396		
Dec	20,902			318,298		
Ice Cream, Hard						
Jan	57,909	54,090	93	57,909	54,090	93
Feb	60,387	60,872	101	118,296	114,962	97
Mar	73,467	66,892	91	191,763	181,854	95
Apr	72,173	72,948	101	263,936	254,802	97
May	76,625	80,698	105	340,561	335,500	99
Jun	84,608	87,604	104	425,169	423,104	100
Jul	81,712	87,813	107	506,881	510,917	101
Aug	82,358	79,063	96	589,239	589,980	100
Sep	64,717	67,825	105	653,956	657,805	101
Oct	62,023	61,736	100	715,979	719,541	100
Nov	54,261			770,240		
Dec	46,671			816,911		

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Dairy Products: Production by Product and Month,
United States, 1995-96 (continued)

Product and Month	By Month			Cumulative		
	1995	1996	: 1996 : : as % of : : 1995 :	1995	1996	: 1996 : : as % of : : 1995 :
	1,000 Gallons		Percent	1,000 Gallons		Percent
Ice Cream, Lowfat						
Jan	22,143	20,183	91	22,143	20,183	91
Feb	22,159	21,237	96	44,302	41,420	93
Mar	31,546	27,654	88	75,848	69,074	91
Apr	29,922	30,007	100	105,770	99,081	94
May	33,562	33,739	101	139,332	132,820	95
Jun	38,689	36,019	93	178,021	168,839	95
Jul	36,790	36,604	99	214,811	205,443	96
Aug	37,173	34,156	92	251,984	239,599	95
Sep	28,846	27,132	94	280,830	266,731	95
Oct	27,161	25,457	94	307,991	292,188	95
Nov	21,847			329,838		
Dec	20,015			349,853		
Ice Cream, Nonfat						
Jan	2,370	2,678	113	2,370	2,678	113
Feb	2,701	2,783	103	5,071	5,461	108
Mar	3,472	3,715	107	8,543	9,176	107
Apr	2,862	3,349	117	11,405	12,525	110
May	3,937	3,540	90	15,342	16,065	105
Jun	4,146	3,266	79	19,488	19,331	99
Jul	3,985	4,263	107	23,473	23,594	101
Aug	5,003	3,828	77	28,476	27,422	96
Sep	3,698	3,411	92	32,174	30,833	96
Oct	3,499	3,121	89	35,673	33,954	95
Nov	3,310			38,983		
Dec	2,054			41,037		
Sherbet, Hard						
Jan	3,205	3,451	108	3,205	3,451	108
Feb	3,725	3,569	96	6,930	7,020	101
Mar	4,446	4,039	91	11,376	11,059	97
Apr	4,447	4,260	96	15,823	15,319	97
May	5,025	4,826	96	20,848	20,145	97
Jun	5,329	5,149	97	26,177	25,294	97
Jul	5,145	5,601	109	31,322	30,895	99
Aug	5,503	5,099	93	36,825	35,994	98
Sep	4,131	3,758	91	40,956	39,752	97
Oct	3,331	3,677	110	44,287	43,429	98
Nov	3,051			47,338		
Dec	2,884			50,222		
Frozen Yogurt						
Jan	9,305	7,420	80	9,305	7,420	80
Feb	11,333	9,314	82	20,638	16,734	81
Mar	14,664	10,779	74	35,302	27,513	78
Apr	12,763	11,308	89	48,065	38,821	81
May	14,514	12,248	84	62,579	51,069	82
Jun	16,393	11,692	71	78,972	62,761	79
Jul	15,287	13,397	88	94,259	76,158	81
Aug	16,088	11,084	69	110,347	87,242	79
Sep	12,991	9,704	75	123,338	96,946	79
Oct	11,845	8,486	72	135,183	105,432	78
Nov	9,387			144,570		
Dec	7,012			151,582		

1/ Excludes all modified dry whey products.

American Cheese: Production by State and United States, October 1995-96

State	Oct	Sep	Oct	Percent of	
	1995	1996	1996	Oct	Sep
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
CA	26,774	33,817	34,976	131	103
ID	30,419	36,144	31,330	103	87
IA	8,113	7,815	8,626	106	110
KS	1,236	1,442	2,102	170	146
MN	49,179	42,825	48,060	98	112
NY	6,124	6,322	6,922	113	109
ND	2,069	1,755	1,602	77	91
OH	1,415	2,259	2,465	174	109
OR	4,472	4,385	4,650	104	106
SD	3,411	3,551	4,186	123	118
TN	753				
UT	2,799	3,100	3,022	108	97
VT	3,507	2,593	3,273	93	126
WA	3,783	4,390	4,774	126	109
WI	77,472	73,500	77,800	100	106
Oth Sts 1/	31,288	36,301	31,411	100	87
US	252,814	260,199	265,199	105	102
Atlantic	12,135	10,639	12,092	100	114
E N Central	81,397	77,251	81,752	100	106
W N Central	67,666	61,060	68,938	102	113
S Central	10,030	7,123	9,687	97	136
West	81,586	104,126	92,730	114	89

1/ States not shown when fewer than 3 plants reported or individual plant operations could be disclosed.

Mozzarella Cheese: Production by State and United States, October 1995-96

State	Oct	Sep	Oct	Percent of	
	1995	1996	1996	Oct	Sep
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
CA	39,994	41,522	42,338	106	102
NY	15,505	14,578	15,226	98	104
PA	16,583	16,640	15,910	96	96
WI	54,833	56,000	54,500	99	97
Oth Sts 1/	56,428	54,783	58,028	103	106
US	183,343	183,523	186,002	101	101
Atlantic	38,442	37,017	37,175	97	100
E N Central	64,648	63,678	64,390	100	101
W N Central	22,810	22,660	21,146	93	93
West	57,443	60,168	63,291	110	105

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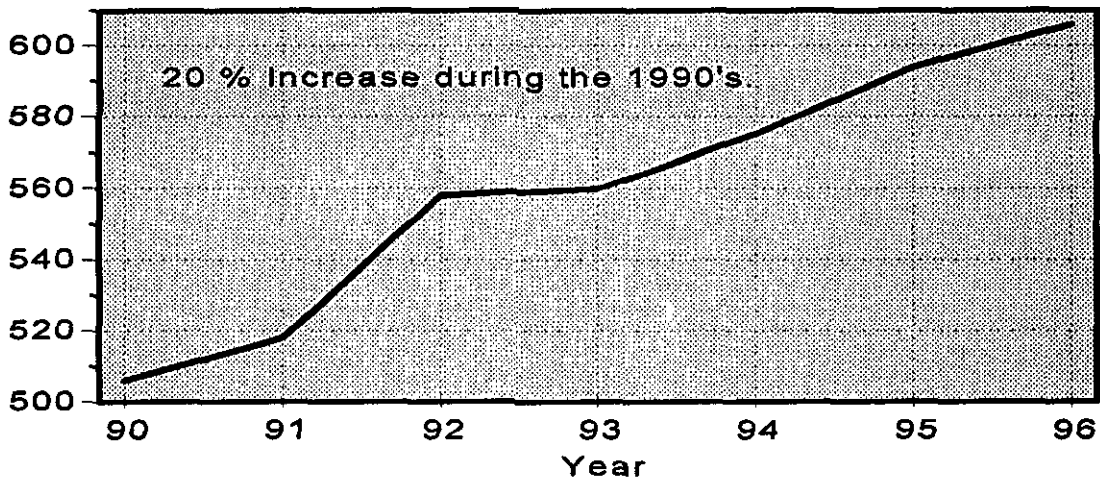
Butter: Production by State and United States, October 1995-96

State	Oct	Sep	Oct	Percent of	
	1995	1996	1996	Oct 1995	Sep 1996
			1,000 Pounds		
			Percent		
CA	26,394	24,612	28,307	107	115
MI	1,498	1,015	1,285	86	127
MN	3,095	2,696	4,202	136	156
NY	1,994	1,807	2,239	112	124
ND	431	304	361	84	119
OR	1,837	1,720	1,760	96	102
PA	6,352	5,170	5,370	85	104
WA	6,276	7,611	9,404	150	124
WI	23,408	22,200	21,200	91	95
Oth Sts 1/	22,176	13,816	20,197	91	146
US	93,461	80,951	94,325	101	117
N Atlantic	9,665	7,786	9,271	96	119
S Atlantic	1,402	1,253	2,300	164	184
E N Central	30,857	27,095	27,658	90	102
W N Central	10,463	7,138	9,415	90	132
S Central	5,454	3,619	6,107	112	169
West	35,620	34,060	39,574	111	116

1/ States not shown when fewer than 3 plants reported or individual plant operations could be disclosed.

October Total Cheese Production United States

Million Pounds



Nonfat Dry Milk, Human: Production by State
and United States, October 1995-96

State	Oct	Sep	Oct	Percent of	
	1995	1996	1996	Oct	Sep
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
CA	35,242	33,091	37,053	105	112
IA	3,321	2,872	4,169	126	145
MI	1,037	443	518	50	117
MN	529	21	200	38	952
NY	1,804	679	561	31	83
WA	15,692	13,432	14,520	93	108
WI	3,041	540	587	19	109
Oth Sts 1/	15,066	5,138	8,245	55	160
US	75,732	56,216	65,853	87	117
Atlantic	10,468	3,028	5,733	55	189
E N Central	4,246	983	1,105	26	112
W N Central	6,071	4,647	6,511	107	140
S Central	3,060	263	263	9	100
West	51,887	47,295	52,241	101	110

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Ice Cream, Hard: Production by State and United States, October 1995-96

State	Oct	Sep	Oct	Percent of	
	1995	1996	1996	Oct	Sep
	1,000 Gallons			Percent	
	1995	1996	1996	1995	1996
AZ	447	601	229	51	38
AR	249	314	239	96	76
CA	8,288	8,701	7,172	87	82
CO	733	650	678	92	104
FL	2,067	1,750	1,415	68	81
GA	950	823	708	75	86
ID	570	531	541	95	102
IL	2,353	2,817	2,282	97	81
IN	3,262	4,624	3,549	109	77
KS	224	225	268	120	119
MD	1,220	1,669	1,795	147	108
MA	4,114	4,086	5,103	124	125
MI	2,019	1,980	1,917	95	97
MN	3,153	3,524	2,644	84	75
MO	1,419	1,070	900	63	84
NM	417	519	499	120	96
NY	2,249	2,200	2,150	96	98
NC	2,207	2,207	1,886	85	85
ND	74	76	102	138	134
OH	3,004	3,250	3,155	105	97
OR	764	900	850	111	94
PA	4,441	4,300	3,928	88	91
SC	703	683	729	104	107
TN	731	1,111	907	124	82
TX	3,967	4,041	4,007	101	99
UT	939	852	723	77	85
WA	1,569	1,579	1,380	88	87
WI	655	580	650	99	112
Oth Sts 1/	9,235	12,162	11,330	123	93
US	62,023	67,825	61,736	100	91
N Atlantic	13,514	13,749	14,400	107	105
S Atlantic	7,387	8,046	7,753	105	96
E N Central	11,293	13,251	11,553	102	87
W N Central	8,409	9,697	7,832	93	81
S Central	7,469	7,680	7,137	96	93
West	13,951	15,402	13,061	94	85

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Canned Milk and Dry Milk Products: Manufacturers' Shipments,
Stocks, and Selling Prices, October 1995-96

Product	Oct	Sep	Oct	Percent of	
	1995	1996 1/	1996	Oct	Sep
				1995	1996
----- Manufacturers' Shipments 2/ ----- 1,000 Pounds ----- --- Percent ---					
Dry Whole Milk	7,977	8,074	7,287	91	90
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	74,195	63,724	62,865	85	99
Dry Skim Milk, Animal	849	379	404	48	107
Dry Buttermilk, Human	3,104	1,705	2,456	79	144
----- Manufacturers' Stocks End-of-Month 3/ ----- 1,000 Pounds ----- --- Percent ---					
Canned Evaporated and Condensed Whole Milk	69,098	35,713	21,762	31	61
Dry Whole Milk	6,709	4,551	3,807	57	84
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	70,066	50,233	47,216	67	94
Dry Skim Milk, Animal	1,245	627	571	46	91
Dry Buttermilk, Total	2,220	1,571	2,154	97	137
----- Manufacturers' Selling Prices 4/ ----- Cents per Pound ----- Cents Change					
Dry Whole Milk	116.03	141.71	144.27	28.24	2.56
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	105.33	133.80	125.86	20.53	-7.94
Dry Skim Milk, Animal	43.03	64.13	74.96	31.93	10.83
Dry Buttermilk, Human	83.63	153.02	149.90	66.27	-3.12

1/ Revised.

2/ For dry products, shipments of bulk goods only.

3/ Stocks held by manufacturers at all points and in transit.

4/ Prices for bulk goods, f.o.b. plant. Average monthly prices reported by firms, weighted by shipments of each firm.

Procedures and Reliability: Estimates included in this report are based on data provided each month by manufacturers of these products. In 32 States, the State Departments of Agriculture assist in collection of data, which eliminates duplicate reporting and reduces respondent burden. Data are collected by mail, personal and telephone interviews following the close of each month. There were 1,495 manufacturers that made one or more products in 1995. Each month, reports are generally received from all dairy plants in States with small numbers of plants. In States with large numbers of plants, survey procedures are designed to obtain monthly reports from all large plants and from a sample of small plants. Monthly estimates are based upon returns from about 70 percent of the plants which account for 70 to 90 percent of the total production of major dairy products.

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